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MESSAGE:

The following is a draft amendment for discussion during our 10am interview Monday. Given the length of the amendment and its draft nature, I have only provided marked-up copies of the claims. Please give me a call at the above number, extension 17, if you have any questions before then.

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(PROPOSED) AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 23 with:

A flange 112 is formed integrally with the pivotal support bracket 41 and extends into a gap formed between the folded end of the protrusion 111 and the support portion 51, so that one end of the fixing screw 61 opposes the flange 112 as shown in FIG. 10. The flange 112 has a width in a radial direction about the pivotal axis (the pin 42) such that the fixing screw 61 opposes the flange 112 when the saw unit 50 is in any [of the] pivotal position. In the same manner as the

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